

Surf Pines Breeze

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Members Elect Two Directors, Hear Bylaws Committee Report, and Approve Budget at Annual Meeting

During the annual meeting of the Surf Pines Association on August 8, 2009, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, members:

- Elected Burr Allegaert and Jeffrey Hall as directors
- Called for a special meeting of the membership to vote on the standards for road maintenance and improvement for Manion Drive and Ocean Drive.
- Approved the annual budget for fiscal year 2009-2010

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October Brings Us to One of Our Final Get Togethers Before the New Year

by Katie Weber

The Harvest Festival will be on October 10th from 6 - 9 PM. Our gracious hosts are the Hart/Scanlons. They are located at 89100 Manion Dr. We hope everyone will come to help escort the fall season into Surf Pines. We ask that you bring hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share, plus your adult beverage if you wish.

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Quick News

New Editor

Jeff Hall will be taking over as editor of *The Breeze*.

Thank you Patrick Kelley and Roger Masse for your six years of excellent issues; that's twenty-four issues which is no small feat. You will be a tough act to follow.

The standard set by Marge Bloomfield, the first editor of *The Breeze*, will be followed:

The Breeze should not be a general-interest local newspaper because the area already has several such newspapers. The Breeze should not be a gossip column because Surf Pines already has enough gossip. Instead, the Breeze should be the newsletter of the Surf Pines Association: it should focus specifically on the association, including the board, the committees, and the membership that they serve, to provide the communication that is required for a self-managing community to manage itself.

Expect Fire Season to Continue

As *The Breeze* went to press, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Forestry reported that fire season continues in Clatsop County. Burning is prohibited during fire season, which usually extends from July to October, but varies from year to year depending on the weather. For current information on fire season, call the local office of the Department of Forestry at 503-325-5451. When burning is permitted, and before you burn, see "Fire and Smoke" in your copy of the *Surf Pines Association Owners Guide, 2008-2009*, pages 10-11, for guidelines on burning small amounts debris and the policy on disposing of large amounts of debris.

Surf Pines Directory

In the next Surf Pines directory you will be able to add an alternate/emergency contact number. If you would like to have a second number listed or have questions, please contact Bonnie Rogie (503-665-8677/503-717-1003 or brogie1@verizon.net).

Security Corner

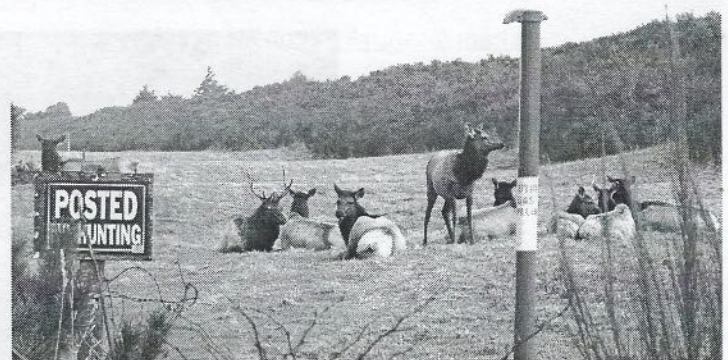
by John Gates

As fall approaches I want to remind all Surf Pines Residents that there is no hunting in Surf Pines. Bow season is in full swing with rifle soon to follow; so, if you see anyone that looks to be hunting here, please call me (503-298-7911). We have already had one incidence of an elk being shot and would like to prevent any others.

If you are a part time resident of Surf Pines, before you leave for the winter take the time to unhook your outside hoses and cover your outside faucets. As many of us found out last year the cold weather often sneaks up and we are left unprepared.

I would also like to reiterate to all the residents to be sure your county house numbers (5 digits) are visible from the street. Having them on your mail box is not enough. I have heard from some of the emergency vehicle drivers that they have trouble identifying houses when there are several mailboxes together. When there is an emergency time is of the essence. Our speed bumps slow them down and not being able to identify an address only makes it worse. If you are missing your plastic strip with your number on it these can be obtained from the county. Please be sure to remove the old 4-digit numbers that were used before.

Remember the speed limit in Surf Pines is **25 MPH**. This is for everyones safety and it's up to each of us to enforce it!



Smart Elk

President's Comments

by Michael Wilkin, SPA President



I'd like to start by welcoming two new members to the Board; Burr Allegaert, who has previously served twice on the Board and on many of our committees, joins us as Vice President, and Jeff Hall, who previously served as chair of the Safety and Security committee and served on the Roads and Grounds committee, joins us as Director at Large and editor of *The Breeze*.

The most noticeable event of the last month was the day long closure of Sunset Beach Lane as the County replaced the culvert at the junction with Highway 101. When the County first approached us to allow detour traffic we were very uneasy with the prospect. The County responded to our concerns, arranging for liability insurance, flaggers, closing Sunset Beach entrance, signs and a Sheriff Deputy to patrol the streets. Most importantly they moved the timing of the work from a weekday in the summer to a Sunday after Labor Day. This move minimized traffic as there would be no commercial deliveries, no school buses, nobody going to and coming home from work. Whilst in the end traffic levels were slightly elevated, the difference between that day and a regular Sunday were modest. When finished, the new junction at Highway 101 will make life a lot easier for those who use the North Entrance.



At the annual meeting we announced that there would be two special meeting votes held in the near future. One concerns how to approach varying road widths as new sections of asphalt are laid; this vote will likely be sometime in the winter. The second vote concerns the results of the Bylaw Review Committee. At the Annual Meeting last year, the members present voted to form a committee to review the Bylaws and report back to the membership. The Board rather than imposing our ideas on who should be on the committee and what was appropriate for them to consider, has taken as much of a hands off approach as possible. The Committee held a series of open meetings and met with the Board on three occasions. The last was in August when the Board reviewed the proposed changes, not for whether or not we approved of them, but whether or not we felt that they could be implemented and whether the amendment was suitable to go before the membership.

Shortly you will receive a ballot that will allow you to vote on the fifteen proposed amendments. The form of vote is defined in the bylaws and is a little confusing as you can vote yourself or by proxy, even though the ballot is to all intents and purposes a mail in ballot. The completed ballots must be returned by mail, or delivered at the beginning of the meeting in order to be counted.

The amendments cover a range of topics, some of which extend the powers of the Association beyond where they are at the moment. The Bylaw Review Committee has spent many hours debating and refining the amendments. It is beholden on us to spend some time reviewing them, and discussing them with our neighbors before voting. This is essentially a "free vote", what you see on the ballot is what the committee thought the membership should have the opportunity to vote on, not what individual members of the Bylaws Committee, the standing committees or the Board necessarily think is the way ahead. I urge you to think over the proposals, talk to your neighbors, members of the Bylaw Review Committee or your Board members. That said I do very much urge you to vote. Any election with a low turn out might produce a result which would not necessarily reflect the feelings of the general electorate.

Summer is drawing to a close, it never seems to be as long as we hope.....

Highlights of the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on August 8, 2009 at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Standing Board members were present: Dave Lukens, President; Michael Wilkin, Vice President; Patrick Kelley, Secretary; Bob McWhirter, Treasurer; and Gheri Fouts, Director and Assistant Treasurer. Dan Bartlett, Administrator was also present. As you read below, you will find highlights from the meeting, committee reports, and other business. For detailed information and complete minutes of the meeting, please go to <http://surfpines.org>.

President's Report: Volunteers from the association planted 50 large trees in the park; volunteers and John Gates have improved the level of reliability in the functioning of the gates; volunteers are creating greater community outreach projects to benefit the county food bank.

Roads and Grounds: Three segments of Ocean Drive were repaved thereby improving the continuity of the width of the road and decrease edge breakaway problems that perpetuate maintenance challenges and increased paving costs; volunteers planted 100 trees and shrubs along Surf Pines Lane, the association's Manion property, and the park.

Safety and Security: Old gate codes and old contractor access codes continue to be eliminated to reduce unauthorized access; there is continued need for drivers to obey the speed limit on the roads; new controllers were installed for the gates which improved their reliability; association member, Tom Hatch, volunteered time and skills to install and program the new controllers.

Community Relations: The Community Relations Committee established a community outreach project to benefit the county food bank; created a fund raising event with raffle tickets for a quilt donated by local quilters; continues to coordinate multiple community events (*for upcoming events see pages 6 & 7 of The Breeze*).

Election of Directors: Two members were elected to replace Patrick Kelley and Bob McWhirter. There were no nominations for candidates from the floor; the following candidates were submitted by the Nominating Committee: Burr Allegaert, Robert Ball, Jeffrey Hall, Norma Keever, Clark Powers. Burr Allegaert and Jeffrey Hall were elected to fill the open positions.

Annual Budget: The membership approved the annual budget for 2009-2010 by a vote of 79-2.

Proposed Amendment to Surf Pines Boundary: The property north of the intersection of Ocean Drive and Malarkey, owned by Miles and Sandra Sweeney, was considered for inclusion in the membership of the association at the Sweeney's request. The proposed amendment was approved by a vote of 72-4.

Bylaws Committee: The ad hoc committee reviewed current bylaws and a summary of their recommendations was presented to the membership. The committee is proposing six general measures to amend current bylaws. The measures are (1) Procedural, (2) Enforcement, (3) View Protection, (4) Property Protection and Maintenance, (5) Residential Standards, (6) Aesthetic Matters. The text of the specific amendments within these general measures will be provided for members and voted on. (*Editor's note: please see comments in the president's message for progression and subsequent development of this pending vote on page 3*).

2009 Red Turpentine Beetle Infestation

by Luke Colvin, Arbor Care Tree Specialists

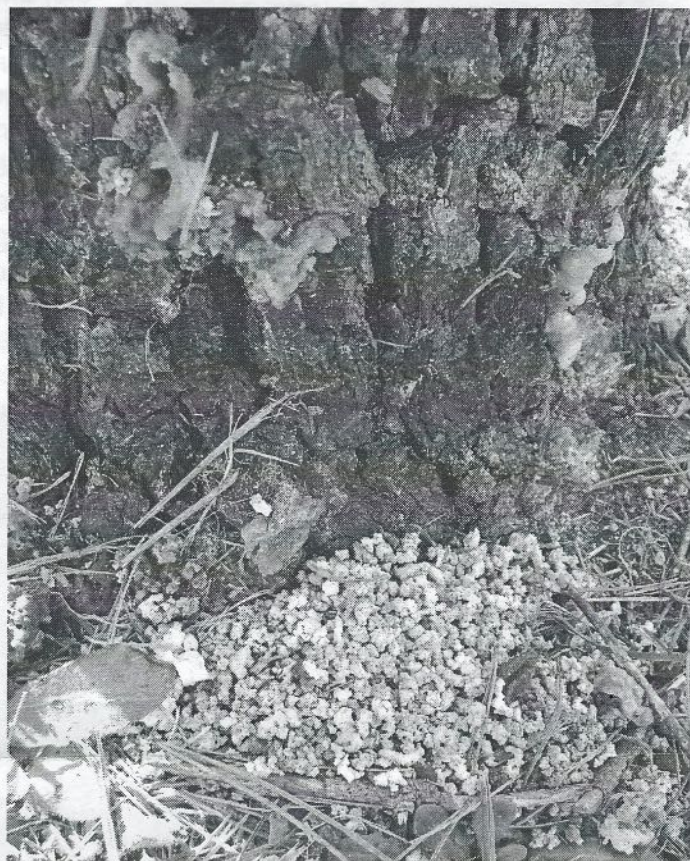


Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington have been hit with a large infestation of Red Turpentine Beetles. These beetles commonly attack trees already weakened by injury, trees that have already been attacked by other bark beetles or trees that are diseased with such infestations as western pine gall. Freshly cut stumps, exposed roots and the lower trunk of declining trees are all prone to attack.

There are vast amounts of dead and decaying trees throughout the area due to the damage caused by the 2007 hurricane, as well as the harsh snow and ice events of last winter. In addition, we have had drought like conditions this summer. All of these factors are conducive to beetle infestation.

To see if your trees are infested, look at the trunk of the tree from the ground to approximately 6 feet up the tree. If you see a large, reddish mass and a small hole (up to 1½") next to the mass, chances are your tree is infested. The reddish mass would look like sap, plus it would have 'frass', which is a mixture of sawdust and insect droppings. Frass looks like a lump on the tree and can be broken off. The hole or tunnel is where the insects are digging and setting in. The debris from the digging and their waste is the frass. Once the insects have infested, they build little communities (which become packed with frass) varying between 1/2" to 1" in width and several feet in length.

The beetle itself is reddish brown and may be 3/8" in length, which is the largest of these beetles. Larvae are up to 1/2" in length and feed together in a common chamber. The beetles attack through the warm weather and peak in midsummer. Adult turpentine beetles bore through the outer bark. Eggs are laid in groups packed with frass. When the eggs hatch, the larvae remain together and dig large cavities while feeding. Trees with only a few entry wounds (on less than half way around the tree) usually can fight off the infestation. But once there are many wounds around all sides of the tree, death of the tree is common. Larvae and adults spend the winter in the tree.



The most effective treatment for Red Turpentine Beetles is the removal of damaged, unhealthy, over-mature trees. If left untreated, death of the tree is common. Early detection plus proper care of younger trees can help prevent their demise. Removing the infected parts of younger trees can minimize the damage caused by the beetles. These actions will help maintain good health for the younger trees and uninfested trees.

There are chemical treatments to help prevent initial infestation, but once your trees are heavily infested, manual removal is the only effective treatment.

Community, Community, Community....



July 4th was a great day for the annual Surf Pines garage sale. The weather even cooperated. Due to the 4th of July falling on the Saturday of the garage sales, participation was down to 17 homeowners. However, those who held sales that day said they did very well and some even sold out early. Thanks to all who participated.

Our annual Surf Pines picnic on the 5th of July was a success too. Seventy to 75 folks showed up with great food in hand to share. It was a bit breezy but the sun was out and we all had a great time. Kids playing catch, a short badminton game (called due to wind) and lots of conversation. Every year we look forward to connecting with new neighbors and old, and catching up on those who aren't down here full time. See you all again next year.



The Ice Cream Social held in August was delightful as usual. There's nothing better than homemade ice cream. We had homemade peach, banana split, mixed berry, coffee and vanilla. Several

guests brought their chocolate favorites too. There were many special toppings, cookies, brownies and root beer for floats. Yummy!!!

Thank you to the Community Relations committee for all your help in organizing and setting up all these past events. If anyone would like to join our fun committee, please contact Bonnie Rogie or Katie Weber, co-chairs.



Surf Pines Picnic



The Holiday Party will be our last social event of the year. Again our hosts will be Mitch and Deb Proyect. They live at 89061 Stellar Lane. Mark you calendar for December 12th from 6 - 9 PM. They hosted our rescheduled party in February 2008 after our big December storm. They had such a great time they wanted to do it again but this time in December. The Holiday Party is a dinner Buffet. We ask that you bring a side dish, hors d'oeuvre or dessert. Lets get creative and try out some of our new recipes we've been collecting over the summer. Please bring you own adult beverage. Other beverages will be supplied.

Remember our Quilt Drawing will be held at the Holiday Party so be sure to come and purchase tickets so you can win. All the proceeds are going to the Clatsop County food bank. We also ask that you bring your non-perishable foods to either party. They all go to a good cause.

Quilt tickets can be purchased at any time up until the drawing at the Holiday Party. For more tickets please call Norma Keever at 503-738-5069 or Katie Weber or 503-738-5986.

Ice Cream Social



Please obey the 25 MPH speed limit



Did You Know...

- John Gates has removed 7 deer that were struck by vehicles during the past year?
- the most frequent violators of speeding are association members, not contractors or workers?
- the maximum speed for a road built to county standard A-22 (like Lewis Road) is 25 MPH?
- neither of the main roads in Surf Pines are as wide as Lewis Road?
- it's not safe to drive greater than 25 MPH on Surf Pines roads; in fact it's safer and smarter to drive slower?
- if you drive 25 MPH from one end of Manion to the other it takes about 5 minutes, at 30 it takes about 4.5 minutes?
- the only way we can assure safe roads is with your cooperation?



Not all fawns look before crossing

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